

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1099

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lieutenant Allen Selby of the Sparta Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Allen Selby of the Sparta Police Department is one such estimable individual, who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, after a thirty-year career with the City of Sparta Police Department, Lieutenant Selby has taken a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Allen Selby began his illustrious tenure with the Sparta Police Department as a dispatcher in February 1992; six months later, he was offered the opportunity to become a police officer with the department; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Selby graduated from the police academy in 1993 and patrolled the streets of Sparta for three years before being promoted to the position of investigator; and

WHEREAS, his expertise and untiring devotion to duty led to his being assigned to a federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Task Force in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, for seventeen years, Allen Selby worked with the DEA Task Force, investigating cases in Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, and Mississippi, and in 2001, he was nominated to attend the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, his incomparable diligence and unrivaled professionalism set Lieutenant Selby apart even among his peers; deputized as a White County Sheriff, he became the only person to have Sparta Police Department, White County Sheriff's Department, and federal arrest powers; and

WHEREAS, while working with the DEA Task Force and participating in an international investigation were very rewarding experiences for Allen Selby, he maintains that the most important part of his thirty years of police work was simply helping his community: "Like the church fires here in Sparta – to see the community come together and support each other and provide hope – that's one I will always remember"; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Selby performed his duties with professionalism and integrity, helping his fellow citizens in any way that he could and proving himself time and again to be a tremendous asset to the Sparta Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Allen Selby exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Lieutenant Allen Selby demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Sparta; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Lieutenant Allen Selby on his exemplary career with the Sparta Police Department and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.